

Dear Parents, Staff, Boys and Girls

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Cyber safety for our learners

It is important to remember that because cell phones are banned from school for the Montrose learners, it is imperative that parents/guardians monitor their children's online interactions. Some tips for parents/guardians:

1. Explain to your child that the cellphone/tablet/laptop you have provided for them is a privilege and that if it is misused, you will confiscate it.
2. Explain and discuss that although you respect their privacy, for their own protection, you may ask to see their devices to monitor their online interactions.
3. Have an open discussion with your children about what online behaviour you expect from them and what they should expect from their friends.
4. Insist on a no bullying policy.
5. Be clear as to what sites they may visit and what social media you will allow them to access and use; no child under the age of 13 should be able to open an account with any social media platform. If you allow your child to use these platforms, make sure you monitor their interactions.
 - The age restriction for WhatsApp, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, and Tik Tok is 13.
 - Youtube has some 18 age restricted content.
6. There are many apps for parents to help with their children's cyber safety and many online sites that will help you make informed decisions where your child's safety is concerned. Many suggest that you, together with your child, draw up an online behaviour contract so that your expectations are clear. An example of a smartphone contract (amongst other valuable information) can be found on The Digital Law Company website. The link for the contract is <https://www.thedigitallawco.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Cell-phone-contract-for-teens.pdf>
7. Parents/guardians are required to FICA a sim card/device, which makes them responsible for any content and action while the device or number is being used. Legal action can be taken against a parent/guardian by any affected party.

All learners from Grade 4 to 7 will attend an online workshop about cyber safety; more information will be sent to parents/guardians closer to the time.

GENERAL MONTROSE NEWS

Term 2 Reports

All Term 2 reports will be handed out to the learners on Wednesday, 4 August 2021. Please ensure that your child gives you the report envelope when they get home.

2022 Online Admissions (public schools)

The 2022 Online Admissions process will take place in two phases this year. The first phase relates to applications for Grade 8 in 2022 and the second phase relates to Grade 1 applications.

Phase 1: For Grade 7 learners in public schools going to Grade 8; applications will begin on 10 August and end on 3 September; placement will take place from 15 October to 30 November.

Phase 2: For Grade 1 (and Grade 8 not in public schools); applications will begin on 13 September and end on 20 October; placement will take place from 15 November to 15 December.

A virtual meeting for Grade 7 parents who will be applying to a public school will be held via MS Teams at 18h00 on Thursday, 5 August 2021. The meeting will be held in the Grade 7 group and you will need to use your child's login details to gain access to the meeting.

A virtual meeting for prospective Grade 1 parents will be held closer to the start of the second phase. More details of this meeting will follow in due course.

Please make sure that the school has all your latest details and ensure that you have provided a reliable cell phone number to the school.

Parent Survey

Please note that an important letter from the School Governing Body will be uploaded onto the Parent Portal and sent out via e-mail today. We would appreciate all input from parents on this survey.



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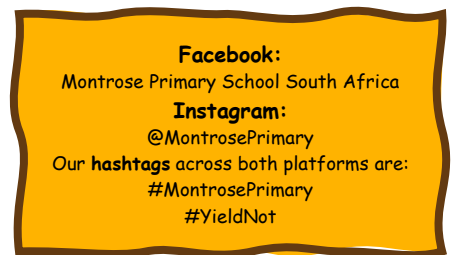
Staff Birthdays



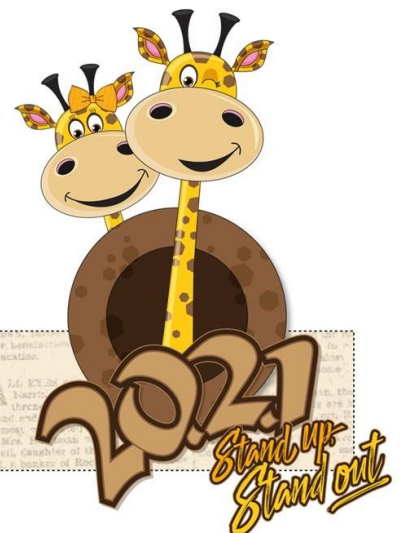
- 7 August: Mr F Malima
- 17 August: Miss Japp
- 29 August: Mr Stephenson

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4 August: Reports handed to learners
- 5 August: Grade 7 Parent Admissions Meeting vis MS Teams @ 18h00



Don't forget to check the D6 Communicator and the Parent Portal regularly for more information and updates.



FROM THE LANGUAGE DESK

Speech Festival

Congratulations to the following learners for their outstanding results in the English Speech Festival.

- Grade 1:** Jordan Moodley (1st)
Myra Bailey (2nd)
Levi Subbiah (3rd)
Zara Naicker (4th)
Nikilitha Mdaka (5th)
- Grade 2:** Kye Ralph (1st)
Skyla Ann Stanfield (2nd)
Jenna Verkerk (3rd)
Tairu Temu (4th)
Omphemetse Malema (5th)
- Grade 3:** Leonora Naidoo (1st)
Khuthadzo Maphupha (2nd)
Olwethu Mvabaza (3rd)
Hashini Selvaganesh (4th)
Luke Athanasiou (5th)
- Grade 4:** Sahej Katari (1st)
Daniel Naitlimane (2nd)
Keynah Gaertz (3rd)
- Grade 5:** Saish Dabhade (1st)
Aahana Kapil (2nd)
Ezekial Laher (3rd)
- Grade 6:** I-shan Cheng (1st)
Kayla Wicomb (2nd)
Thendo Thenga (3rd)
- Grade 7:** Mia Nupen (1st)
Anirudh Varadarajan (2nd)
Dimpho Mothengu (3rd)



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

- Scadsys Parent Portal (registration queries and updating of details):
monty@montrose.org.za
- Scadsys Parent Portal Website:
<https://www.scadco.co.za/ScadCo2/Home/ScadsysLogin>
- Scadsys Parent Portal Registration:
<https://www.scadco.co.za/ScadCo2/Parent/Registrar>
School reference: 0013
- Athletics (login queries):
sophia@montrose.org.za
- Accounts Department:
Fees: molly@montrose.org.za
Bursar: terry@montrose.org.za
Assistant Bursar: sonya@montrose.org.za
- Admissions:
admissions@montrose.org.za
- Social Worker:
adell@montrose.org.za
- D6 School Communicator:
<https://d6.co.za/education/downloads/>

Yours in education,

MRS S. VAN LOGGERENBERG * PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Children must always carry a pocket size hand sanitizer with 70% alcohol with them and have a spare mask in their school bag.
- Should a family member or person living in the same household test positive for COVID-19, any learners living in the same house will be required to quarantine for 10 days. Should this occur, please send an e-mail to monty@montrose.org.za, so that measures can be put in place for the learner.
- NO parents are allowed on the school premises at any time unless with a prior appointment with the office.
- **Communicate arrangements with any driving service being used** and ensure that anyone collecting your child knows their full name, which grade and class they are in and whether they are participating in any extra-murals.
- **No items will be allowed to be dropped off at school for learners** (e.g. lunch, books, projects or extra-mural/PE kits).
- Only the **Montrose PE shirt (yellow shirt with school badge) and Montrose shorts/skort** may be worn for Phys. Ed. and must be worn with takkies and the school blazer. If it is cold children may wear black or dark brown tracksuit pants (no leggings), the school blazer and the school jersey if needed. If you have a **school tracksuit**, this may be worn, however this is **not a compulsory item of the school uniform and need not be purchased specifically for Phys. Ed.** No other coloured non-school garments may be worn on these days.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Arrival Times

Please ensure that you get your children to school before the bell rings. Learners must be in line by no later than:

- 07h10: Grade 3, 6 and 7
- 07h20: Grade 2, 4 and 5
- 07h30: Grade 1

and preferably be in line at least 5-10 minutes before the bell rings for the relevant grades to ensure that they get to class promptly.

Please note that gates will be closed at 07h25 (Netball Gate) and 07h30 (FP Gate) and no learners will be allowed through the gates after those times and will have to go through reception.

Dismissal Times

- Grade 1: Monday: 12h40
Tuesday - Friday: 12h55
- Grade 2: Monday: 12h55
Tuesday - Friday: 13h10
- Grade 3: Monday: 13h10
Tuesday - Friday: 13h25
- Grade 4-5: Monday: 12h55
Tuesday - Friday: 13h25
- Grade 6-7: Monday: 13h10
Tuesday - Friday: 13h40

The **Foundation Phase gate** will be closed at 13h20 on a **Monday** and 13h35 from **Tuesday to Friday**. Any learners remaining at school will be taken to the **Netball Court gate**, which gate will be closed at 13h30 on a **Monday** and 14h00 from **Tuesday to Friday**.

TUCK SHOP, AFTERCARE AND UNIFORMS

Tuck Shop

- The tuck shop is open but only to provide food to the children whose parents have pre-ordered and paid for the order. No child will be allowed to go to the tuck shop at all. This is just as a service to the parents. Please communicate directly with the tuck shop on 082-566-8566 should you wish to place an order or have any queries.

Aftercare

- The aftercare is open on a daily basis until 17h30 and operating under strict protocols. They will take both fulltime and part-time learners daily.
- Any queries regarding aftercare must be directed to Mrs Carbars on 082-888-0397 or via e-mail at carbars@mweb.co.za.

Uniforms

- Although our in-house uniform shop, Uniformity, is not operating on the school premises on a fulltime basis, they are open for business. For help or assistance please call Mrs Alexis Scott on 082 453 7875
- **Uniformity School & Sportswear**
uniformity@outlook.com: 082 453 7875 (M)
- Attaché is the second uniform supplier and can be found at Unit 6 Sak's Corner, 140 - 11th Street, Parkmore.

Their hours are as follows:

Monday - Thursday: 07h00 - 17h00

Friday: 07h00 - 16h00

Saturday: 09h00 - 13h00

For any queries, feel free to contact Attaché:

Tel: (011) 783-4037

